



MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
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**MINUTES
of the
GOVERNING BOARD
of the
MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

February 23, 2006

I. Call to Order.

The special meeting of the Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority was called to order by Chairperson Michael Berger, at 12:03 p.m. on February 23, 2006 at the Conejo Recreation and Park District, 403 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks.

II. Roll Call.

The roll was called and the following members were present: Ed Hayduk, Jerome C. Daniel, George Lange, Vice Chair, and Michael Berger, Chair. Quorum present.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer; Rorie Skei, Deputy Executive Officer; Dash Stolarz, Director of Public Affairs; Jeff Maloney, Staff Counsel, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

III. Public testimony on all agenda items and public comment on matters not on the agenda.

No public comment was made.

IV. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a contract with Community Conservancy International for purposes of providing technical advice and assistance to the MRCA in conducting a comprehensive feasibility evaluation of L.A. County water and environmental quality infrastructure funding.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer and the Director of Public Affairs.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer.

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Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer, the Director of Public Affairs, and the Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by Ms. Esther Feldman, President of Community Conservancy International.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-34 was unanimously adopted.

V. Statements, questions, and directions to staff pursuant to Section 54954.2 of the Government Code.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer and the Director of Public Affairs.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer, the Director of Public Affairs, and Mr. Lange.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by the Director of Public Affairs and the Deputy Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by Staff Counsel and the Deputy Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Director of Public Affairs and the Deputy Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Director of Public Affairs and the Deputy Executive Officer.

VI. Closed Session.

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Government Code §§ 54956.8 and 54956.9. Confidential memoranda related to these items may be considered during such closed session discussions. Conference with legal counsel. Number of cases: 1. *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.*

No closed session was held.

VII. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on March 1, 2006.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP
Executive Officer

Michael Berger
Chair